Khurdha Road-Bolangir Rail Line

*267. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey of Khurdha Road-Bolangir rail line in Orissa has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to take up construction of that line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The final location survey has been completed in 102 km out of total 289 km. The land acquisition is in progress in Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh and Bolangir districts. The work for first 2.5 km Length fromKhurdha end has been started where the land is available with Railway. Work in the remaining stretch will be taken up once land becomes available.

Train Robberies

*268. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many train robberies have taken place during the last one year, month-wise;

(b) in which state the train robberies have been the highest during the same period;

(c) what is the position in Bihar in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken for curbing these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) The maintenance of law and order and the security of passengers and their belongings in the running trains and railway premises is the constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned. The cases of Crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Government concerned. However, as per the information available with the Ministry of Railways, 229 cases of train robbery were reported during the year 2000. Month-wise details are as under :—